

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Donald Clarke served active duty in the U.S. Army from November 9, 1951, to August 10, 1953, and received the Korean Service Medal for "in country" service; and,

Whereas, Following his discharge, Donald was a rural mail carrier, farmer, and private businessman in the Wessington, South Dakota, area, where he and his wife of over 50 years, Jean, gave life and love to three children; and,

Whereas, Donald is a 56-year, paid-up-for-life member of the American Legion Watson-Krauter Post 110 in Wessington, and served in many capacities as a member of Post 110 and District 5; and,

Whereas, In 1974, Donald was elected as Commander of the State American Legion, and in 2004 until the present time has served as a member of the American Legion Department of South Dakota Legislative Committee; and,

Whereas, Donald served as the National Executive Committeeman from 1979 to 1995, as the Vice Chairman of the American Legion's National Security Commission from 1996 to 2008, and one term as South Dakota's Alternate National Executive Committeeman; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend this South Dakotan for his dedicated and outstanding service to the South Dakota Veterans Commission, to this state, and to our country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2008, as

DONALD CLARKE DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State